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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & §1.98

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are attaching hereto, in a form equivalent to Form PTO-1449, a listing of all the art documents of record (cited by the Examiner/submitted by applicants) in the chain of continuing applications (as listed on page 1 of the Specification), pursuant to the duty of disclosure/candor requirements.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified continuation application and, therefore, this IDS meets the requirements pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

As to the requirement of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for any concise explanation of relevance to the extent that any of the listed documents is not in the English language, this is met by the discussion thereof in the original

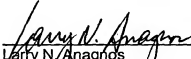
specification/prosecution history and the fact that it relates to a Japanese application which is one of the counterpart priority applications of listed USP 5,602,771.

It is understood that since copies of the listed documents should be available in the file wrapper of the prior application, copies thereof are not included herewith, consistent with 37 CFR §1.98(d) and pursuant to the guidelines set forth in MPEP §609.

It is submitted this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Also, acknowledgment of such entry as well as of a formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

If any costs are due in accordance with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge same to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (501.38519CC2).

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